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Volume I.

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Number 7.

NEW ISSUES.

AZORES.—The 25 reis of Portugal is now surcharged "Acores" in small type. We hope they will keep on, as they are doing well. This is the fourth number in which we have mentioned new "surcharges."

BOLIVAR.—The new issue which we illustrated last month is as follows: 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 centavos, and 1, 5 and 10 pesos.

CHILI.—Two new values of post cards have appeared; I centavo, green, and 2 centavos carmine on green.



Costa Rica.—A new series has been emitted; (see cut) I cen. green; 2 do., carmine; 5 do., purple; 10 do., orange; 40 do., blue. They evidently want every one to know that they are in the "Postal Union."

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.—We have seen the advertisement of a reliable (?) dealer, who offers "100 varieties of Confederate States Stamps for 21 cents." According to this, the "Confederate States" must have issued about 50 stamps within the past year. Strange we didn't hear of it before, isn't it?

DOMINICA.—The penny stamp has been seen cut in half, perpendicularly, and surcharged "1-2 d." in red.

HAYTI.—The Stamp World says, "A perforated 7 centimes stamp has made its appearance from Hayti."

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Two new post cards are said to have been emitted: 1-2 tanga, blue on buff, and I tanga, red on gray.

QUEENSLAND.—A new sixpenny stamp has been emitted: color, green. The design is the same as the illustration.

ST. CHRISTOPHER.—
We lately saw the half of a penny stamp which had done duty as a 1-2 penny stamp.—[P. M.



TRINIDAD.—Two new stamps have been emitted: 1-2 penny, green, and 1 penny carmine; we annex the design.



UNITED STATES.—Local stamps appear to be all the rage, just now. A local package and delivery company, doing business in St. Louis, has just been surpressed, and it is

said the same company have a "post" in Cincinnati. We should think some enterprising stamp dealer would start a "local" business, issue a dozen stamps and then suspend operations, and sell his stamps. There is "millions in it," (in your mind).

INDIA.—It is reported that an entire new set of stamps is in preparation.

AUCTION SALES.

John W. Hazeltine sold at Bangs & Co.'s, New York, Thursday and Friday, March 1st and 2nd, a collection of United States and foreign copper and silver coins, autographs, newspapers, fractional currency, stamps, etc. This was Mr. Hazeltine's sixty-fifth sale.

S. H. & H. Chapman sold at Bangs & Co.'s New York, Tuesday, March 20, a fine collection of coins and medals of the United States, Confederate and Colonial notes, numismatic books, etc. 639 lots, in all. Messrs. Chapman certainly send out the best looking catalogue we have yet seen.

Chas. Steigerwalt's 13th coin sale will occur at the Central Auction Rooms, Lancaster, Pa., Wednesday, March 28th. The collection contains U. S. and foreign gold, silver and copper coins, paper money, Indian stone impliments, etc., and is the property of Mr. Benj. Schmauk, of Kittanning, Pa. Mr. Steigerwalt informs us that his recent sale in New York amounted to \$1,760.

Dr. Geo. W. Massamore will sell at Wm. Seemuller & Co.'s, Baltimore, Md., Thursday, March 22nd, a collection of U. S. and foreign gold, silver and copper coins, Colonial and Continental notes, fractional currency, postage stamps, etc. The collection consists of a number of consignments, is a very fine collection. 727 lots. This is Dr. Massamore's nineteenth sale.

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The New Nickel.



The above is a representation of the new five-cent piece which was coined February 1st, at the United States Mint at Philadelphia. The Treasury Department were not satisfied with the old nickel, or at least with the design, therefore Congress voted a new one, and authorized the Department to coin the same, and Col. A. Loudon Snowden, the Director of the mint, then set to work for a new design, and on Feb. 1st, they commenced to coin them. By the illustrations above, it will be seen that the design of the new is a great improvement on the old, with perhaps one exception. The grand old motto, "In God we Trust" is omitted, but whether by "orders" or accident we are not prepared to say, but we certainly hope it was a mistake, and that it will be corrected in the future. Surely the motto of our forefathers is good enough for us. It is a handsome piece, but with the omission of the motto, the expression of confidence in Divine Providence is gone. The new piece weighs the same as the old and is of the same alloy-twenty-five per cent. of nickel and seventy-five of copper.

On the reverse, as will be seen by looking at the illustration, is the Roman numeral "V" surrounded by a wreath of cotton, corn and wheat, the three principal products of the United States. The wreath, in turn, is surrounded by the words "United States of America," at the top, and "E. Pluribus Unum," at the bottom. On the obverse is the head representing the Goddess of Liberty, with the inscription of "Liberty" on the tiara, and surrounded by the usual thirteen stars, which represent the original thirteen colonies, and the date, "1883" under the head. It has a plain edge, and is exactly the same size as the five-dollar gold piece.

dollar gold piece.

There is nothing on the coin to denote its denomination except the "V," which stands for dollars as well as cents. Counterfeiters seem to have decided that the new nickel was a windfall for them, as they could easily give them an electrotype bath, and they would come out looking so nearly like the five-dollar gold piece, as to deceive anyone, unless they took pains to examine the piece, or were accustomed to seeing five-dollar pieces. Any sharper could buy an electrotyping machine and convert nickels into gold pieces, and palm them off on the unsuspecting public, as easy as rolling off a log, and thus make money hand over fist. Fortunately, however, the authorities were made aware of the "bright" prospects of the new piece, and

ordered the coining of the same to be discontinued forthwith. These pieces are destined to become "rare" in every sense of the word, as there were only 2,224,000 of them coined, or one to about every twenty-five persons in the United States, and as the Government will redeem them as fast as they possibly can, and every man, wo man and child wants one or more of them for curiosities, they must command a high price. It is reported that Secretary Folger has ordered the word "cents" to be placed on them, and the issue continued, but it is very evident there would have to be some crowding to get any more on them, unless the motto or wreath were omitted.

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GOSSIP.

The reduction of the public debt last month was \$7,630,678.54.

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The latest addition to the Postal Fraud list, is B. F. Pritchard, of Washington, D. C.

We will insert an inch ad. in the *Philatelists' Fournal* and G. S.P., for 80 cents, or 2 inches for \$1.50.

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Mr. M. H. Lewis of Derby, Iowa, informs us that he has sold his stamp business to Mr. C. C. Simmons, of Chariton, Iowa.

Mr. W. G. Karpe, publisher of the *Philatelists' Fournal*, of Plymouth, Wis., has moved to Los Angalos, Cal., and his paper will hereafter date from that place.

James Gilfillan, Treasurer of the United States, has tendered his resignation to the President, through the Secretary of the Treasury, to take effect April 1st.

The Secret Service authorities have decided that the printing of imitation stamps, which are extensively used on the backs of cigar boxes as advertisements, is unlawful.

Mr. F. H. Schwartz, of Philadelphia, informs us that he will publish the *Philatelic News*, about April 1st. Send for sample copy to 1407 N. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Subscriptions begin with the next issue after they are received. We cannot send back numbers as we have only a few, but will send any of the first 6 numbers for five cents each, or the 6 for 15 cents.

If you want to buy, sell or exchange a printing press or material, address J. J. Lane, Laconia, N. H. If you wish to exchange stamps or coins for a press or material, or vice-versa, address the publisher of this paper.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. E. F. Gambs, the well-known St. Louis stamp and coin dealer, who has been ill for some time

past, is able to attend to business once more. He has moved to San Francisco, Cal.

It is reported that an electrotype plate for printing Confederate ten cent postage stamps was discovered at Atlanta, recently. If that is a fact, collectors can buy "stamps" (?) of that denomination cheaper, before a great while.

We have received a neat little book, published by Dr. J. Schilling & Son, Louisville, Ohio, entitled "The Canary, and How to Take Care of It." This is a little book that should be in the hands of every one who has a bird; price 6 cents.

Mr. W. F. Smith is again to the front, this time with the *National Philatelist*, number one of which we have just received. It is published by the National Philatelical Society. Contents and printing, first-class. May thy "shadow never grow less," brother Smith.

The first number of the *Curiosity Collector* came to us a few days ago, and took us by surprise. It is the best "No. I," that we have yet seen, containing interesting articles on birds, relics, stamps, etc. It also has an exchange department. We predict a flattering success for this new visitor.

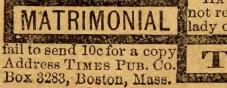
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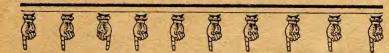
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In the future, as in the past, we shall strive to improve our paper as much as possible, and use all our influence for the advancement of our science, and to discomfort and expose all who sail under false colors.

In our January number we gave the names of some of our agents who were owing us for stamps, and gave notice that we should publish the names of ALL who were owing us, in the February number, but as we received the Jan. number from the printers Feb. 6th, and the February number the 19th, we decided not to publish them until the March number, and we are very glad we did not, as many have squared up since that number was issued, and we believe more will in a few days, so we withold their names till the April number, as we do not wish to accuse anyone unjustly. This will make two notices since January, that we should publish them, so no one can say we did not give them warning.

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